



Nancy Wyman

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2015

Members in Attendance: Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Patricia Baker, Ellen Andrews, Anne Foley, Kathleen M. Brennan (designee for Commissioner Roderick Bremby), Terry Edelstein, Bonita Grubbs, Victoria Veltri, Kristina Stevens (designee for Commissioner Katz), Margaret Smith, Robert Tessier

Members Absent: Shelly Sweatt, John Oraziotti, Frances Padilla, William Handelman, Joanne Walsh, Linda St. Peter, Steven Hanks, Bonita Grubbs, Jewel Mullen, Kevin Lembo, Ben Barnes, Jim Wadleigh, Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Morna A. Murray, Katharine L. Wade

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1.	Call to order & Introductions	None.	
2.	Public Comment	No public comment.	
3.	Review & Approval of minutes	None.	No quorum.
4.	Access Health CT Update, Andrea Ravitz, Marketing Director	Andrea Ravitz, Marketing Director for Access Health CT updated members of the cabinet on enrollment, special enrollment, the Access Health summer campaign and future plans. Current total enrollment is at 606,191 people. Currently about 8,000 people enrolled with tax credits, and 27,000 have insurance	

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		<p>without this tax credit. The special enrollment during the month of April was a big success, attracting about 1,430 people. Access Health will be conducting a member census in order to understand the current enrollee base, to understand who is left, who has not signed up and why they have not signed up, and to understand why people are leaving Access Health CT. This member census will take place in the next couple of months and will be a big part of the market strategy for this year. This strategy will be focused on retention, education, and branding this year.</p> <p>There will be a summer campaign in the months of June through November in order to educate people on their insurance coverage.</p> <p>Victoria Veltri adds that the dental aspect of the coverage will require even more education than the medical aspect because of its complicated nature. She also suggests that perhaps people are not buying this coverage because the dental coverage is not as competitive in the marketplace right now.</p> <p>Patricia Baker asks about the mechanisms of education used, as well as asking for specific numbers regarding the African American and Latino communities. Ms. Ravitz explains that those numbers are based only on projections and that they will be shared later in the year, likely in July. She also</p>	

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		<p>highlights the importance of people understanding the value of their insurance and the specifics of their benefits.</p> <p>Lt. Governor Wyman adds that it will be important to share this kind of system with other states in the future as well.</p> <p>Ms. Ravitz answers that once the current target groups are identified, the goal will be to go into those communities to speak face to face with people and educate them on healthcare.</p> <p>Lt. Governor Wyman asks if it has been considered to mail information through providers to those that have purchased insurance. Ms. Ravitz answers that Access Health is considering sending more personal mailings to people. Ms. Veltri brings up that messaging is only valuable if the recipients fully understand it, and recommends creating health literacy packages in conjunction with other community organizations in order to be more unified state-wide. It is suggested that identifying members based on ethnicity and background could very much help to provide better and more personalized care.</p>	
5.	2015 Legislative Session Update, Anne Foley, Undersecretary, Policy	Anne Foley, Undersecretary of Policy Development & Planning for the Office of Policy & Management reminds the Cabinet that there are only three weeks left until the end of the legislative session. The	2015 Legislative Session Update can be found here .

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	Development & Planning, Office of Policy & Management	<p>following bills are supported strongly by the Governor in relation to healthcare: Enhancing Access to Behavioral Health Services and Services for Youth with ASD, Substance Abuse and Opioid Overdose Prevention, Transparency of Executive Pay in Certain Hospital Transactions, and Human Services and Public Health Budget Implementers.</p> <p>The following bills are state agency bills regarding access, quality, prevention, cost and disparate impact: Medicaid Coverage for OTC Drugs, Emergency Medical Services, Funding for Municipal Health Departments and Health Districts, Revisions to the DMHAS statutes, Definitions of Sedation and General Anesthesia, Massage Therapist Qualifications, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control, State Payment to Certain Facilities for Reserved Beds, Definition and Use of the Term Intellectual Disability, Protective Services for Suspected Elderly Abuse Victims, Interpreter Qualifications, and various revisions to the public health statutes.</p> <p>Further legislative initiatives discussed include: Childhood Vaccinations, Bipartisan Roundtable on Hospital Bills, various insurance bills, Telehealth, Enhanced Screening, Behavioral Health Bills, nursing home minimum staffing levels, as well as various councils, task forces, studies, and plans. Ellen Andrews asked about the budget issue and Ms. Foley answered</p>	

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		that they would take their lead from the Governor and that they are hopeful about the budget.	
6.	State Innovation Model Update , Mark Schaefer, Director of Health Innovation	<p>Mark Schaefer, Director of Health Innovation for the State Innovation Model (SIM) updated the members of the Cabinet on the new framework for reporting out information about SIM progress, as well as mentioning that Dr. Asletine of Uconn Health gave an overview of the SIM funded physician survey.</p> <p>Mr. Schaefer discussed measures under review from the Quality Council as well as the newly approved Consumer Advisory Board and personnel subcommittee nominations to the Practice Transformation Task Force. The CAB continues work appointing members to work groups as well as developing the scope of CAB's work for consumer engagement activities. They are also reviewing PMO proposed communication plan. The PTF began planning for Community and Clinical Integration Program (CCIP) in March. They are exploring and evaluating local and national program models designed to improve community and clinical integration and identify key programmatic capabilities. They are also drawing on national model designs to make recommendations on programmatic standards.</p> <p>The Health Information Technology Council's initial focus is on quality measure production. They are</p>	SIM Update can be found here.

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		<p>assessing edge-server technology and APCD as potential means to measure production. They are considering options similar to those of other SIM states.</p> <p>The Quality Council are reviewing readmission, admission, ED, meaningful use, oral health and HIV measures. The final culling is in May and June, they anticipate complete recommendation to HISC in July. The Equity and Access Council is focused on two areas of recommendations pertaining to payment reform design features and consumer protections. Recommendations and draft report are expected by early June.</p>	
7.	Next Steps	The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Capitol Room 310.	
8.	Adjournment	Lt. Governor requests a motion to adjourn	Motion to adjourn by Victoria Veltri, seconded by Terry Edelstein